

Memorial Day Events in Arkansas:
(Information provided by County Veterans Service Officers)

Events Held on Thursday, May 27

Faulkner County – Thursday, May 27, 11:00 a.m., Wooster City Park Monument. Speaker will be State Senator Gilbert Baker.

Events Held on Sunday, May 30

Clay County – Sunday, May 30, 2:00 p.m., Rector VFW Post will host a Memorial Day service at the Woodland Heights Cemetery in Rector at flag pole. Speaker will be current Chief of Police at UAMC Poplar Bluff, MO Maj. Frank Niederkorn, U.S. Army Retired.

Crawford County – Sunday, May 30, 1:00 p.m., American Legion Post 62 is sponsoring a service at Gracelawn Cemetery, 3003 Oak Lane, Van Buren.

Crittenden County – Sunday, May 30, 8:30 a.m., Crittenden Memorial Park, Marion, Speakers will be from VFW Post 5225.

Sebastian County – Sunday, May 30, 2:00 p.m., Fort Smith National Cemetery. Guest speaker will be Gene McVay, State Commander, American Legion.

Events Held on Monday, May 31

Ashley County – Monday, May 31, 11:00 a.m., 205 E. Jefferson #13, Hamburg, at the VFW monument on the Ashley County Courthouse grounds. There will be refreshments after the ceremony. Speakers will be county judge, state representative, state senator, VFW commander, CVSO, and several more. Flag will be lowered and then raised in honor of the Sharrick brothers.

Benton County – Monday, May 31, 10:00 a.m., VFW Post 9063 in Bella Vista will host a ceremony at the Bella Vista Memorial Garden Cemetery. Assistance is provided by the American Legion Post 341. Speaker will be Capt. Luke M. McCollum, U.S. Navy. Program will include the Pea Ridge High School band and the Perfect Harmony Women's Barbershop Chorus. Bring lawn chair. Rainout location will be at Riordan Hall.

Calhoun County – Monday, May 31, 12:00 p.m., meet at Calhoun County Courthouse, Hampton, by the Veterans Memorial for the raising of the flag to full staff and prayer. At 3:00 p.m. back to Courthouse for the playing of TAPS and prayer.

Carroll County – Monday, May 31, 10:00 a.m., Eureka Springs, American Legion Post 9, Route 23 North. Speaker will be Capt. VonDecoster from the Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks in Fayetteville. Other guests will be the Holiday Island Singers.

Chicot County – Monday, May 31, 12:00 p.m., Local cemetery in Lake Village. Speaker will be Bill Sessions.

Clark County – Monday, May 31, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m., Arkadelphia, Memorial Wall at Courthouse Campus. Guest Speaker will be Glenn Hill. Others attending will be nine veterans widows and one Gold Star Mother. Soloist will be Bille Garlin, Taps by Paul Sivils, and flags raised at noon by the Boy Scouts.

Craighead County – Monday, May 31, 9:00 a.m., at the Craighead County Courthouse in Jonesboro. The Craighead County Veterans Honor Guard, Sons of the American Revolution, and Sons of Confederate Veterans will be in uniform and take part in the ceremony. The American Legion, DAV, VFW – ladies aux. will lay flowers at the Doughboy statue during the service. Bobbie Barnett of Ravenden will lay flowers at the “Battle of Jonesboro” – Civil War marker also. The focus of this Memorial Day is to remember Ken Sisler Vietnam War Veteran and Medal of Honor recipient who attended Ark St. Univ. W. Danny Honnoll of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will MC the event. Immediately following this service the American Legion will place flowers and flags on graves at Oaklawn Cemetery in Jonesboro where Pvt. George Pickett is buried, the name sake of the Pickett Post #21 in Jonesboro.

Drew County – Monday, May 31, 10:00 a.m., in front of County Courthouse and Walls of War Memorial behind the flag pole. Hosted by American Legion, VFW and DAV. Speakers will be Drew County Judge Damon Lampkin and WWII Veteran P. Q. Gardner.

Fulton County – Monday, May 31, 11:00 a.m., VFW Post 9777, Salem. Speaker will be George Wiggams.

Garland County – Monday, May 31, 2:00 p.m., at Garland County Veterans Memorial, 118 Orange St., Hot Springs. Speaker will be Mike Kidder. <http://www.gcvets.com>

Hempstead County – Monday, May 31, 11:00 a.m., Hope, Courthouse lawn. Rainout location will be Community Center at the Fair Park. Speaker will be Bubba Powers.

Lincoln County – Monday, May 31, 10:00 a.m., Star City town square. Speakers will be Lincoln County Judge Charles Capps & Star City Mayor Gene Yarbrough.

Marion County – Monday, May 31, 9:00 a.m., Yellville, Legion Hut. Speaker will be James Giles. Other speakers will be with the local American Legion and Auxiliary post.

Monroe County – Monday, May 31, 10:00 a.m., Clarendon Courthouse. Speakers will be Trish Rogers and Jim Stensop. Also, Monday, May 31, 10:00 a.m., Brinkley City Park Monument. Speakers will be Claudean Bethel and Ray Thomas.

Newton County – Monday, May 31, 11:00 a.m., Jasper, Campbell-Edgmon Post 93, American Legion will have a ceremony on the Courthouse Square at the flagpole. Speaker will be Dean Schroeder.

Poinsett County – Monday, May 31, 10:30 a.m., American Legion Park, Trumann. Speaker will be Ron Taylor.

Pope County – Monday, May 31, 10:00 a.m., at the Train Depot in downtown Russellville featuring a 21 gun salute by our local VFW Honor Guard and a Flag Ceremony. COL Keith Klemmer will be the guest speaker.

Pulaski County – Monday, May 31, 10:00 a.m., Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery. Hosted by the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs. Governor Beebe will be the keynote speaker. MC will be Gene McVay, State Commander, American Legion. Sea Service presented by Carl Schmidt of Fleet Reserve Association. <http://www.veterans.arkansas.gov>

Pulaski County – Monday, May 31, 12:00 p.m., Governor’s Salute to Veterans Memorial Day picnic at the Governor’s Mansion, 1800 Center Street, Little Rock, 12:00 p.m.

Pulaski County – Monday, May 31, 10:00 a.m., Lake Willastein, Maumelle, Hosted by Mayor Michael Watson and the city of Maumelle. Guest speaker will be Robert Hopper of Arkansas Fallen Heroes’ Memorial.

St. Francis County – Monday, May 31, 10:00 a.m., Forrest City Civic Center. Hosted by VFW and American Legion. Speaker will be VFW Post Commander Harold Campbell.

Saline County – Monday, May 31, 11:00 a.m., County Courthouse. Speakers will be VFW Post 2256 Commander and the American Legion Post 19 Commander.

Union County – Monday, May 31, 11:00 a.m., Union County Courthouse. Sponsored by V.F.W. Speaker Mark Reed.

Washington County – Monday, May 31, 10:00 a.m., Fayetteville National Cemetery, Fayetteville. Speaker Fayetteville Mayor Lioneld Jordon.